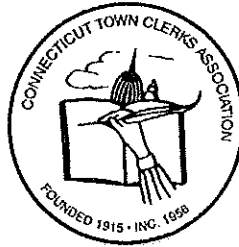


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GOVERNMENT ADMINISTRATION AND ELECTIONS COMMITTEE

Monday, March 11, 2013

SB 1057 – An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the State Librarian Concerning E-Government and the Preservation, Authentication and Management of Electronic Records

Good morning Senator Musto, Representative Jutila, Senator McLachlan, Representative Hwang and distinguished members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee. My name is Therese Pac and I serve as the Town and City Clerk of Bristol.

I am here to speak on behalf of the Connecticut Town Clerks' Association (CTCA) in favor of SB 1057 – An Act Implementing the Recommendations of the State Librarian Concerning E-Government and the Preservation, Authentication and Management of Electronic Records.

The proposed fee in this bill provides the municipalities with an additional \$5.00 for each land record document recorded. This increase is long overdue.

The municipalities are responsible for all the costs in land recording – indexing, scanning, microfilming, preserving and storing the records, to name a few. Yet, in a standard recording of \$53, the municipalities retain only \$15 of the fee. The remaining \$38 is sent to the State of Connecticut. The municipalities' share is simply insufficient to cover the basic costs.

Technology, hardware and software have become critical components in maintaining public records. These components are expensive, sometimes beyond the budgets of small municipalities. The proposed fee increase would defray some of these costs and could benefit other municipal departments by funding technology to help them operate more efficiently.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to respond to any questions you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

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